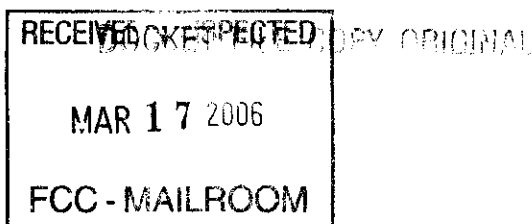


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Attn: Kevin J. Martin, Room 8-B201 Chairman

Re: Sunset of Cellular AMPS Requirement – WT Docket No. 01-108

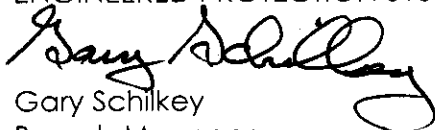
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hundreds of thousands of individuals and businesses use cellular-based radios to relay alarm signals from their home or place of business to the alarm company that monitors for fire, burglary and medical emergencies, thereby helping to save lives and property. Currently, these alarm radio devices use analog (or "AMPS") technology. The FCC has decided in WT Docket No. 01-108 that, effective February 18, 2008, cellular systems are no longer required to support AMPS service. Barring a reasonable extension of the deadline, members of the public may experience a catastrophic loss of alarm service.

The FCC has recognized that analog technology is used by (1) hearing aid compatible phones, (2) rural customers who do not have access to extensive digital service and thus must continue to rely on the more extensive analog coverage to use their phones in remote areas, and (3) senior citizens, battered women and others who rely on less expensive AMPS equipment as their link in the event of an emergency. Alarm customers fall into this latter category. I understand that the Commission has expressly retained authority to extend the five-year transition period if deemed necessary.

It is my understanding that because of technical challenges and other reasons, alarm equipment manufacturers have only recently completed or (in some cases) are still in the process of developing digital equipment that would be capable of replacing the current AMPS alarm services. Unless a longer transition period is provided, I am concerned that many consumers will be left without the core essential services they depend on to protect their life, safety and property. That is why I support and urge the Commission to grant a two year extension of the AMPS sunset. This will allow a transition of alarm users to digital technology without any loss of protection. Like service to the hearing impaired, the continued provision of alarm protection serves a vital public interest.

Respectfully submitted,
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